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Title**:** Need to de-silt and regulate the flow of river Ichchamati passing through North 24 Parganas district of West Bengal.

SHRI AJOY CHAKRABORTY (BASIRHAT): The river Ichchamati flows through the border area of Bangladesh and mainly through two sub-divisions of North 24 Parganas District of West Bengal and plays an important role in the life of the population settled on the two banks of this river.

Of late, due to improper maintenance and loss of depth this river is playing a havoc with the lives of the population as repeated floods every year are taking place destroying large quantity of agricultural produce rendering people to starvation.

The need of the hour, therefore, is to start the resuscitation works on this river immediately along with increasing its depth. Though some work was undertaken by the West Bengal State Government towards that goal but that was very little and that too was stopped halfway.

In view of the above, I would like to urge upon the Government to take all the necessary measures that are required to save this river along with the life and property of the lakhs of people. I also urge that the Central Government to take up the issue with the Government of Bangladesh in right earnest so that the resuscitation of river Ichchamati is done as early as possible.